IN THE SPECIFICATION

• Please amend the specification on page 1 at paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001] This application is related to, and claims the priority benefit of, U.S. provisional patent application number ~~Provisional Application No.~~ 60/257,654, entitled "System and Method for Scheduling Data Transfers Through a Network," filed December 22, 2000, ᵥ the subject matter of which is hereby incorporated by reference. This application is also related to U.S. Patent Application number ~~No.~~ 09/853,816, entitled "System and Method for Controlling Data Transfer Rates on a Network," filed May 11, 2001, and to U.S. Patent Application number ~~No.~~ 09/852,464, entitled "System for Automated and Optimized File Transfers Among Computers over a Network," filed May 9, 2001. The related applications are commonly assigned and are hereby incorporated by reference.

• Please amend the specification on page 7 at paragraph [0010] as follows:

[0010] Receiver 210, intermediaries 230, and sender 220 communicate via network 140. In various embodiments, network 140 is a local area network ~~(LAN)~~ (LAN), a wide area network (WAN), a wireless network, the Internet, or a combination thereof. In a typical data transfer from sender 220 to receiver 210, data passes through network 140 and optionally one or more intermediaries 230 before arriving at receiver 210, which stores the data in local storage 170. The data can include a variety of information such as text, graphics, video, and audio. In one embodiment, sender 220 directs receiver 210 to request data from intermediary 230, which in turn obtains the data from sender 220, and stores a copy of the data in local storage 160 before sending the data to receiver 210.